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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM: A. Denis Clift

SUBJECT: Strausz-Hupe Message on Davignon

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[   ] a message from
Ambassador Robert Strausz-Hupe informing you that Belgium's
Etienne Davignon, Political Director of the Ministry of Foreign
Affairs, will be in Washington June 27 and 28 to participate in
a Georgetown University conference.

Ambassador Strausz-Hupe notes Davignon's current depression
and anger over France's attitude toward the subject of a US-EC
dialogue, and he recommends that you schedule a luncheon with
him during his Washington stay.

While the Belgian Embassy informally inquired late last week as
to the possibility of Davignon's meeting with you, the Embassy
has since indicated that it will not be actively seeking such a
meeting as you are in San Clemente.

MORI/CDF per
C03316283

State Dept. review
completed

Brent: Davignon will see HAK
Saturday 6/30 about
noon. He is coming
under his own steam.

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 Reference my cable to you of April 11, 1973

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           Political Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affiars, Etienne Davignon, will be in Washington 27 and 28 June to participate in the conference organized by the Georgetown University Center for Strategic Studies where he will be one of the key speakers.

 In my recent contacts with Davignon I have found him both depressed and angered by France's negative attitude towards EC-US dialogue particularly after the meeting of the Political Directors of the Nine in Brussels on 24-25 May and the nine Foreign Ministers' meeting in Luxembourg 4 and 5 June. Since Davignon almost certain retain his present position in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for some time to come and given his present state of mind, I think it would be worthwhile if you could manage to have lunch with him during the period he is in Washington.

 This suggestion does not signify a change in our views on Van Elslande's potential usefulness.

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